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DCS COMMISSIONER TO SPEAK AT NATIONAL CHILD WELFARE CONFERENCE

WASHINGTON, D.C. - Department of Children's Services Commissioner Viola P. Miller will be the keynote speaker at the closing session presentation of the Biennial Child Welfare Conference: Focus on Evidence-Based Practice today, June 30, at 4:15 p.m. EDT in Washington D.C.

Miller will serve as a workshop presenter for a seminar titled, "Building Evidence Based Practice to Achieve Systemic Change." Miller will address how child and family services revenue can be used as a catalyst for systemic change, give examples of how the Commonwealth of Kentucky's training system is linked to permanency, safety, and well-being and how training and technical assistance is used as a support in developing an outcome based strategic plan. Miller will also address the importance of a shared vision and teamwork in moving states towards improved outcomes for children and families.

"It is an honor to be invited to speak in front of my peers", said Miller. "It takes every child welfare worker across the nation collaborating and sharing ideas to ensure that the children and families we serve get the best care possible and this conference is a wonderful vehicle for that teamwork approach."

The annual conference provides training experience, practice models in child welfare, and many opportunities for partnership building for the over 500 attendees. Participants include state child welfare directors, policy makers, judicial representatives, federal and state agencies, community and faith based organizations, advocacy groups, direct services providers, related associations and other partners in the child welfare field.

Miller was named the Commissioner of the Tennessee Department of Children's Service on December 23, 2003. She formally served eight years as the Secretary of Families and Children for the Commonwealth of Kentucky. The Commissioner's work in Kentucky earned her national recognition for initiating change and being result oriented.

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